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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROACH GOP ABOUT  
WASHINGTON BIT NEGOTIATIONS

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¶1. (SBU) This is an action request. See paragraph 4.

¶2. (SBU) Summary: In an August 30 letter, Finance Minister Qamar requested the United States and Pakistan reopen Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) negotiations and asked that we propose a date for a single round of protracted negotiations or a short series of digital video conferences, followed by one or two rounds of face-to-face negotiations, either in Pakistan or the United States. We recommend detailed BIT discussions begin with face-to-face negotiations in Washington, either the week of September 22 or the week of October 20. End Summary.

¶3. (SBU) Ambassador Patterson received an August 30 letter from Finance Minister Naveed Qamar confirming the Government of Pakistan would like to reopen U.S.-Pakistan Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) negotiations. The GOP requested we propose a date for a single round of protracted negotiations (two weeks) or a short series of digital video conferences, followed by one or two rounds of face-to-face negotiations, either in Pakistan or the United States. The letter stresses the GOP is committed to sound macro-economic policies, developing a more business-friendly environment, and partnering with the U.S. to help Pakistan achieve sustainable growth through greater levels of U.S. investment. The letter does not refer to the "shared understanding" or propose that it is an essential element of the new round of negotiations. (A scanned copy of this letter has been emailed to Washington agencies.)

¶4. (SBU) Action Request: In its August 30 letter, the GOP expressed strong interest in making rapid progress toward concluding a BIT. Given this, the Embassy requests instructions to invite the GOP to negotiations in Washington either the week of September 22 or the week of October 20. End Action Request.

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